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In re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3679
Kelly Molenaar)	
Serial Number: 10/050,834)	Examiner: Garcia, E.
Filed: January 15, 2002)	
Title: PREMIUM PERFORMANCE BALL JOINT AND SYSTEM)	Response Under Rule 37 CFR §1.111
Attorney Docket: MSH - 203)	January 9, 2004

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2003, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application on the basis of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion. A listing of the claims 1 to 8 is included in this mailing.

The specification has been amended at page 6, beginning at line 21, and a new page 6 is enclosed.

REMARKS

Applicants notes that claims 2, 3, and 5 to 7 are withdrawn from further consideration.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizusawa, et al., U.S. Patent 4,568,216 in view of Edwards, U.S. Patent 2,559,857.

Applicant has studied the comments made by the Examiner but disagrees with the position taken by the Examiner.